



**MINUTES  
FIRE SPRINKLER CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF NEBRASKA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

April 21, 2006  
Golden Corral Restaurant, 3940 N. 27<sup>th</sup> Street  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**Directors Present**

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| Michael Marion    | Ahern Fire Protection            |
| Bob Mahoney       | DeMaranville Installations, Inc. |
| Matt Carey        | Nifco                            |
| Bruce Halldorson  | Continental Fire Sprinkler       |
| Greg Higginbotham | Acme Omaha Sprinkler             |

**Others Present**

David Autry                      Nebraska State Fire Marshal

**Call to Order:** Marion called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the March meeting were read by Marion and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Report was unavailable. We will have an update at the next meeting.

**Old Business**

**Calendar of Events:**

- **May 9, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting (Announcement of Officers). Guest speaker is Mark McCue of Ryder-Rosacker-McCue & Huston.
- **August 7-9, 2006** - Summer Seminar
- **August 10, 2006** - Annual Golf Outing/Board of Directors Meeting
- **September 12, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **October 11, 2006** - Sprinkler Advantage Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **November 14, 2006** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **January 9, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **February 2007** - Deputies Meeting – Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **March 13, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
- **April 2007** - BFP Seminar/Board of Directors Meeting
- **May 8, 2007** - Board of Directors and General Meeting
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Mark McCue of Ryder-Rosacker-McCue & Huston Insurance of Grand Island will be our speaker at the May meeting. September and November are open for speakers.

The Fire Sprinkler Advantage Seminar at UNL has been set for Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, SECC for the 12<sup>th</sup>, and trying for UNO on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

A "Save the Date" card for the golf outing will be mailed out in the first part of June, noting in bold that it is on a Thursday.

**Fire Sprinkler Safety Assurance Program:** The fire sprinkler training video disc was corrupt. Chrisman will redo and send to Autry.

Marion provided some price information on temp agencies. The two agencies that would perform the work in their office cost between \$15.75/hour and \$16.50/hour. We will make a decision at the May meeting if it is feasible to move ahead with this.

Professor Chrisman believes remote input could be done, but is worried about the logistics. We would like to get the program up and running before adding to it. We will table the remote input discussion until the database is current and we see how it works.

The cost to develop a website includes a \$30/year fee to register a domain name. Server space for the website can be leased for around \$30/month. An estimate of \$1000 to design the website was given by Chrisman. Marion and Mahoney will check into other options for website design.

**Omaha BFP Issue:** Wonder was unable to meet with us at lunch. However, he indicated at the seminar that licensed fire sprinkler contractors will be able to pull a permit and install bfp's in Omaha by the latter part of July. Both Marion and Mahoney will follow up on this.

**FSCAN Brochures:** Pricing for the brochures for a quantity of 200 is \$180 plus \$45 for art and composition. The difference for each additional 100 brochures is minimal, around \$5. We will decide at the May meeting how many to have printed up. Autry hands out less than ten a year to new contractors. There is an event coming up in June or July in Omaha for the Missouri Valley Fire Chief Association. Mahoney will check on behalf of FSCAN to see what we can do

**Nomination of Officers:** Candidates for the May 2006/2008 offices are as follows:

- President – Bob Mahoney
- Vice President – Matt Carey
- Secretary – John Wiczorek
- Treasurer – Les Swanson

A write in line will be included for each office. Patty will mail the ballots out ASAP, and request they be returned before the May meeting date. New officers will be announced at the May meeting.

**Summer Seminar:** Autry indicated that they would like to go with the following AFSA courses: NFPA 13 Chapter 8 (1 day), NFPA 25 (1 day), and Plan Review (1 day). Patty will forward this list to Swanson, and ask that he have AFSA pencil in the dates for us. We will

decide on the level of participation at the May meeting. Autry has reserved a room for the 3 days at the State Office Bldg, Conference Room LLA, 301 Centennial Mall South in Lincoln, The room should be able to hold 25 to 30 people.

**Vertical Installation of BFP's in Lincoln:** Mahoney is still working with John Dahlgren on a position paper.

### New Business

**Fire Marshal's Minute:** Per Autry, there is a 2 week turnaround on plan review. There are only three drawings in their office, and only 6 have been submitted this month to date.

**Sprinkler System Display:** The Nebraska City museum would like the entire building sprinklered. It is a 5600 square foot wood structure building. Installation would occur in August/September. Marion will invite the local fire marshal, Alan Viox, to the May meeting to find out what we can/can't do. We need to figure the cost as an association, and determine if we would like to contribute.

**IBC and Type 5 Construction:** Per Autry, there is no information for Lincoln or the state. Carey will check with Bob Fiedler, and Mahoney will check with Mike Stucker and bring the information to the May meeting.

**Valve Tags:** Patty received a request from a non-member for four sprinkler tags and asked for input on what to charge in the future. She charged this request a \$25 fee. It was agreed that in the future, non-members will be charged a \$100 minimum, or given the option to join our organization and pay the \$25 minimum fee.

**Association Secretary Duties:** Patty accepted a full time position. Members should be thinking of a replacement. Monthly hours worked average 10-15 hours a month paid at \$25/hour, plus expenses. Patty will work up through the golf outing.

**BFP Seminar Thank You Notes:** Thank you's should be sent to today's speakers, as well as LWS officials for the use of the building. Patty will bring thank you notes to the May meeting, along with a \$100 gift card to Valentino's. Mahoney will draft a thank you letter. Members will be able to sign the notes at the May meeting.

Marion adjourned the meeting at 11:35.

Lunch